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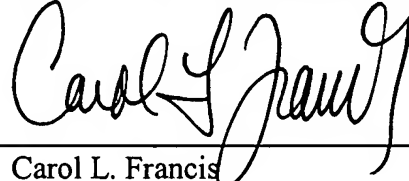
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	Title:	<i>"SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY SETTING OPERATING PARAMETERS FOR MICRO- DISPENSING DEVICES"</i>

Sir:

This communication hereby asserts that the above-identified patent application is entitled to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,
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